

# God's Purpose for Our Lives

## Romans 8:28-30

A famous British actor, **Peter Sellers** has gained considerable wealth and fame...

he was *"...in a constant state of turmoil about his purpose on this planet."*



**A. God's purpose for our lives  
is GOOD**

... to fashion us into ***the image  
of His Son!***

**Psalm 8:3-5**

**3** *When I consider your heavens,*

*the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you  
have set in place,*

**4** *what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings  
that you care for them?*

**5** *You have made them a little lower than the  
angels and crowned them with glory and honor.*

## **Romans 8:28-30**

***28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.***

***29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.***

***30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.***



## Romans 8:28

*“We know that in all things  
God works for the good of  
those who love him, who  
have been called according  
to his purpose”*

King James Version - “...all things work together for good to  
them that love God...”

Wallace Johnson

Founder of *Holiday Inn* motels.



Romans 8:28 doesn't mean all things will be good...but it means God's purpose in our lives will turn out to be “**Good**”

What is the good?

Our *health*, *wealth* and *happiness*?

Our *comfort* and *convenience*?

Our *prosperity* and *pleasure*?



God's purpose covers **"All things"**

**Romans 8:35: tribulation,  
distress, persecution,  
famine, nakedness, sword.**

That means it would include:

**adversity** as well as **prosperity**,  
**pain** as well as **pleasure**,  
**losses** as well as **gains**,  
**sorrow** and **sadness** as well as **joy** and **happiness**.



It would include

*disappointments, delays,  
poverty, sins and failures,  
sickness, suffering, sorrow,  
death, tears and bereavement.*

It covers the *forces of nature*, the *deeds of evil men*, the *activity of Satan*, the *state of the weather*.

*“All things” may not be good in and of themselves, but God promise to work them together for good.*



Paul tells us the "good"  
that he has in mind.

### Romans 8:18

*"the glory which shall be  
revealed in us."*

### Romans 8:23

*"the adoption, the redemption of our body."*

### Christ's return

*"...we shall be like Him, when our lowly bodies will be  
transformed..."*

*"...conformed to His glorious body" (Phil. 3:21).*



**Romans 8:29a**

*"For whom He foreknew,  
He also predestined to be  
conformed to the image  
of His Son."*

God's purpose for us might not be a nice life, free from pain or distress.

**Jerry Sittser was a young chaplain at Northwestern College in Iowa, when tragedy struck.**



**B. God's purpose for our lives  
is GLORIOUS**

Progression of the verbs in  
**verses 29-30**

- *Foreknew*
- *Predestined*
- *Called*
- *Justified*
- *Glorified*

**"Those God foreknew..."**

***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"* (Jeremiah  
1:5).**



“Those whom God foreknew  
he also predestined...”

The word “**predestine**”  
means to “**appoint beforehand**”.

The purpose of predestination is...

*“to be conformed to the image of his Son.”*

“...And those he predestined, he also called.”


*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).*

**“...and those he called,  
he also justified...”**

**Romans 3:23-25,**

***“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood...”***

**Romans 5:1-2,** ***“Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”***



**“...those he justified,  
he also glorified.”**

- All creation has been eagerly waiting for **(vs. 19)**
- We personally have anticipated **(vs. 23)**
- The Spirit has been praying for **(vs. 26)**
- The purpose for which God called us **(vs. 28)**



**C. God's purpose for our lives  
is GUARANTEED**

**100%** of those whom He *foreknew*,  
and *predestined*, and *called*, and *justified*, He will *glorify*.

*"I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted"* (**Job 42:2**).



***“The Lord nullifies the counsel  
of the nations; He frustrates  
the plans of the peoples.***

***The counsel of the Lord stands  
forever, the plans of His heart  
from generation to generation.”***

**(Ps. 33:10-11)**

***“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for  
good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve  
many people alive.”*** **(Gen. 50:20)**



*“For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.” [\(Acts 4:27-28\)](#)*

No sinful person can thwart God’s purpose or plan for your life.

The **unfaithful spouse**

The **drunk driver**

The **evil person**

The **worst sinner**





**Philippians 1:6,**

***“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”***

**God has a purpose for our lives...**

**...to transform us into the image of Christ.**

**God’s purpose for us is:**

***Good...Glorious...Guaranteed***

